

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Nearly 46 million Americans, one out of every seven, do not have health care coverage; and,

Whereas, Eight out of ten people who are uninsured are part of working families; and,

Whereas, There are more than 8 million children in America without health coverage; and,

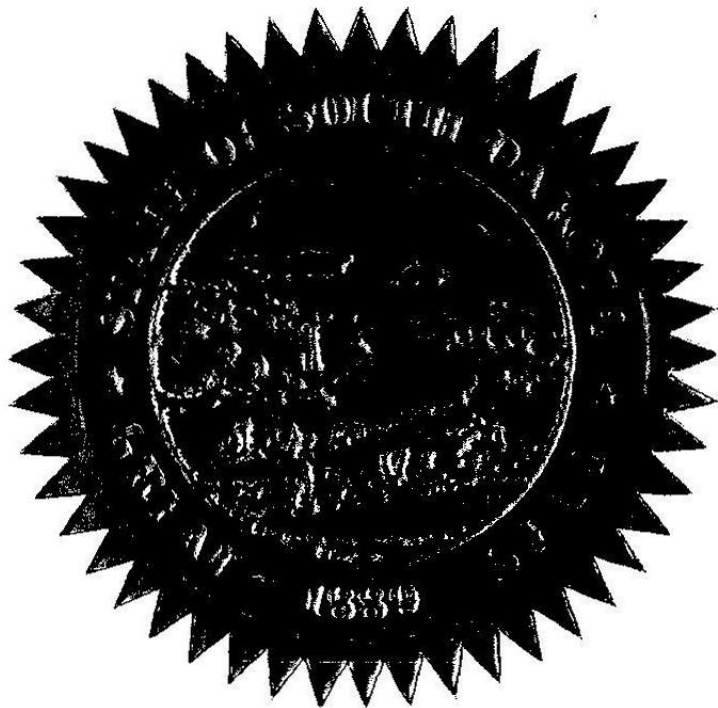
Whereas, Uninsured Americans live sicker and die younger than those who are covered by health care coverage; and,

Whereas, As costs continue to rise, fewer individuals and families can afford to pay for coverage and fewer small businesses are able to provide coverage for their employees:


Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby recognize the urgency of seeking solutions to one of America's greatest problems and proclaim May 1-7, 2006, as

COVER THE UNINSURED WEEK

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Seventeenth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State